Free Access to MEDLINE
Via the Web:
Internet Grateful Med (IGM)

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The National Library of Medicine

- The world's largest biomedical library
- A Federal agency; part of NIH
- Producer of:
  - Index Medicus
  - MEDLINE and 40 other databases
  - Internet Grateful Med
- http://www.nlm.nih.gov/

MEDLINE

- Over 8.5 million journal citations
- Covers 1966 to the present
- 3,900 journals are indexed
- 75% citations included are English language
- 75% of the citations have abstracts
- Updated weekly

Access to MEDLINE

NLM's computer

- Direct commad language serching
- User-friendly Web-based search tools
  - IGM
  - PubMed

Internet Grateful Med (IGM)

- A user-friendly, World Wide Web-based program that provides **free** access to and assists you in searching many of the databases at the National Library of Medicine
- http://igm.nlm.nih.gov/

Internet Grateful Med Helps You:

- formulate and run your search
- view your results and print or save them
- revise your search when necessary
- place an electronic order for the full text of an article you found

Advantages of IGM

- Free!
- Web-based
- Developed by NLM to search NLM databases
- Searches ten other NLM databases besides MEDLINE

More Advantages of IGM

- Easy to use search screens
- On-screen help at your fingertips
- Powerful
- Loansome Doc ordering capabilities

What You Need to Get to IGM

- Internet connection to the World Wide Web
- A Web browser, e.g., Netscape 2.0 or higher
- http://igm.nlm.nih.gov/

A Demonstration of Internet Grateful Med

The Search Screen

- Choose the database you want to search
- A fill-in-the-blank form
- Search for:
  - an author
  - a subject
  - words in the title of an article

Apply Limits to Your Search

- Language
- Study Groups
- Age Groups
- Publication Types
- Gender
- Journals
- Years

Using the MeSH/Metathesaurus

- Helps you find a correct MeSH term
  - **M**edical **S**ubject **H**eadings
- Helps you make the term a major concept
- Helps you add a subheading

Perform Your Search

Get results and you can:

- See details, possibly including an abstract
- Print
- Download to a disk
- Go back and search other years
- Revise your search strategy
- Order full text of articles

Loansome Doc

- Order full text of articles from a library
- You need a user ID and password
- You must make arrangements with your library to use this service

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